this type to be installed over a limited height, representing a fraction of the door height. For this reason, it is advantageous to produce the bellows in portions of various lengths, such as seen by the portions **14** and **15** in FIG. **4** which are superimposed with the desired type and number over the height of the door to be covered and not necessarily full to its upper edge **12.**

Thus, solid and reliable protective means are provided which is completely effective in a very economic manner using cheap materials such as artificial plastics, grooved cardboard and analogous substances with or without a decorative covering. The bellows can even be formed in a manner imitating the materials used for the casings and doors. The relative rigidity of the materials used prevents an deformation towards the gap to be protected.

While there has been described and illustrated the preferred embodiments of the invention, it is to be understood that these are capable of variation and modification and it is therefore not desired to be limited to the precise details set forth, but to include such modifications and alterations as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. In combination with a door or the like, mounted by a hinge to a supporting casing, a safety device for covering the gap between the door and casing, comprising a bellows having four parallel panels, the opposing outer panels of which being attached respectively, to the door and the casing on the side opposite the hinge, inner panels of which being articulatingly connected therewith and with each other in a manner so that when the door is closed said panels automatically fold over each other and flat over the door itself, the inner panel associated with the outer side panel attached to said door being narrower in width than the other inner panel, and said other inner panel folds over said smaller panel when said door is closed.

2. The bellows according to claim **1,** wherein said panels are arranged so that the inner panel associated with the outer panel secured to said door folds over contiguous therewith when said door is opened.

3. The bellows according to claim **1,** wherein the outer side panel secured to said door is attached on a surface opposite relatively to that surface by which the other outer side panel is secured to the casing.

4. The bellows according to claim **1,** with the sum of the inner panels being slightly greater than the distance separating the outer side panels when attached respectively to the door and casing.

5. The bellows according to claim **1,** wherein said other inner panel is approximately twice the width of the smaller inner panel.

6. The combination according to claim **1,** including a plurality of bellows arranged longitudinally along a selected portion of the length of said door and casing.

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